

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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BOSTON.—The next meeting of the guild will be on the last Wednesday in September. We wish to call the special attention of the guild in general to the following notice:

“A ‘Quiet Day’ for nurses will be given by the Rev. Father Osborne, S. S. J. E., at St. Margaret’s Home, 17 Louisburg Square, Boston, on Sunday, September 21. Any nurses who wish to take part are asked to send their names to Mother Louisa, St. Margaret’s Home, 17 Louisburg Square.”

It will be remembered that Father Osborne is the founder of the guild in America, and has always taken a keen interest in the nursing profession. It is possible that nurses from a distance could arrange to be in Boston for the day and would be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity. We are glad to learn that Mrs. Stockwell and Miss Durand, two of our associates who have been ill, are now convalescent. Mrs. Davis and Miss Tippet attended the July meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas in London, England.

BOSTON.—One of the most charming afternoon teas was given June 3 by Mrs. Larz Anderson at her beautiful home, “Weld,” Brookline, Mass., to the Boston Branch of the St. Barnabas Guild for Nurses. Carriages and automobiles were waiting at the end of the car line to convey the guests to the house. Mrs. Anderson was assisted in receiving by Miss Elizabeth H. Harries, a member of the guild.

The house is one of the most beautiful about Boston, built on a high hill, having a grand view of the surrounding country. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson took much pleasure in showing the many curios gathered in their travels around the world, which were most interesting and much admired.

An enjoyable collation was served in the beautiful dining-room. Miss Anna Weld, of Jamaica Plain, a cousin of Mrs. Anderson, and Miss Bessie Seabury, of Boston, poured tea, after which Mr. Anderson was most kind in showing the Italian garden and stable, which, by the way, is considered one of the finest in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were an ideal host and hostess, and never were guests more delightfully entertained.—E. H. H.

BROOKLYN LETTER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held on April 21 with the usual order of services. Three members from the Seney Hospital were proposed. At the social hour following the business meeting the members were entertained with music and refreshments were served.

On account of the severe storm the March meeting was suspended. At the May meeting one new member was proposed.

Since the consecration of Bishop Burgess there has been no settled rector at Grace Church, consequently we were unable to have the corporate communion on St. Barnabas Day as usual. In default of this custom the members attended their own churches, in some instances several joining at one church. The largest number attended St. James's Church.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Edward M. McGuffey, rector of St. James's Church, Elmhurst, in St. Stephen's Church on June 16, the rector of St. Stephen's, the Rev. Henry T. Scudder, being chaplain of the guild.

On Monday, June 16, the final service and meeting for the season was held in Grace Church and Parish-House as usual. Election of officers took place, the present staff being reëlected, namely: Chaplain, Rev. Henry T. Scudder, 194 Clinton Street; secretary and treasurer, Miss K. B. Edgar, No. 12 Cambridge Place.

Delegates to the General Convention were appointed, the chaplain, secretary, and one member, Miss David, with Miss Sanderson as alternate.

A social hour followed, when cake and ice-cream were served. A number of nurses having left the city, the number present proved less than was anticipated, consequently the balance of the bountiful supply of cream and cake was carried by the members to St. Christopher's Hospital for Babies and Sick Children, a few blocks away, where it was gratefully received.

Miss Florence Tildesley has charge again this year of St. John's Guild Hospital, Staten Island. Miss Fuller is doing a fine work at the Summer Home of the Children's Aid Society. Miss Prudy is in active work with the Red Cross Society.

The report of Brooklyn Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas is quite satisfactory. Financially we are in a good condition. Although our branch does not reach the numbers of some other branches, those who are enrolled are loyal and true, and always attend the meetings when duty does not require their presence elsewhere.

TRINITY BRANCH, CHICAGO.—The annual meeting of the Trinity Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held in the Parish-House Wednesday evening, June 11. Our chaplain, the Rev. N. N. Wilson, held a celebration of the Holy Communion for the members of the guild at eleven o'clock in the morning of the same day. We were disappointed at not having a larger number of members present at the meeting, but so many of them were on duty that not more than twenty-five were present. On reviewing our past year, we think that on the whole we have had a successful one, and that a good deal has been accomplished in a quiet way. We feel, notwithstanding, that there is yet much to be done, but we nurses are rather slow to act, and there is always so much to hinder us that we are apt to let the time pass without making any definite move towards a particular object.

The Rev. N. N. Wilson opened the meeting with the usual prayers of the guild, after which the secretary's report was read and approved, also the report of the treasurer. A report was also read from Mrs. Bouchier, the treasurer of the sick benefit fund, showing about one hundred and sixty dollars in the treasury. We ought to have more than that, and we hope to have before very long. The election of officers then took place and both Miss Anna Wells Lee, secretary, and Mrs. John Rouse, treasurer, were unanimously reëlected. We feel that we can never give them up. A vote of thanks was given to our chaplain and officers for their untiring efforts on behalf of the guild, also to Mrs. Bouchier

for all she has done towards increasing the sick-benefit fund. After the business was concluded a little social time was spent, and after refreshments were served the meeting adjourned.

PROVIDENCE BRANCH.—St. Barnabas Day, June 11, was observed by a celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past nine by the chaplain at St. Stephen's Church.

In the afternoon the guild went to Hunt's Mills for their annual meeting.

The resignation of Mrs. Buffum, who has served the guild so faithfully as secretary for the past two years, was heard with much regret.

Miss Mary Peck was elected secretary and Miss Mary L. Austin reelected treasurer.

At the close of the business meeting ice-cream and cake were served by the associates.

INTERCESSION AT ST. PAUL'S.—During the week that the King lay ill there gathered one evening at St. Paul's Cathedral a throng of practitioners of the healing art in order to join in a solemn service of intercession for the recovery of the King, and to offer up their prayers to Almighty God that He would prosper the means employed by those members of the profession who were attending his Majesty in his sickness. Although the service was organized by the provost and council of the Guild of St. Luke, it was intended that the whole profession should be represented, and so tickets were forwarded by Dr. Russell Wells, the registrar, to all medical practitioners resident in London. Many applications for seats were received from doctors in the provinces, and as an opportunity of joining in the supplication for the restoration to health of the stricken monarch was also afforded to the general public, Wren's building was almost completely filled. In the musical portions of the service the combined choirs of St. Matthias's, Earl's-court, St. Matthew's, Westminster, and St. Mary's, Graham Street, took part. After the hymn, "Thine Arm, O Lord," was rendered, and the opening prayers intoned by the Rev. E. P. Williams, the Litany was sung in procession to a setting by the Rev. J. B. Croft. In this procession, and forming the centre of observation and interest, walked the doctors, more than fifty in number, in their robes of many hues. Among the gathering were to be desecrated M.D.'s of the University of London in crimson and violet, Cambridge graduates in scarlet gowns, Edinburgh men in red and deep purple, physicians and surgeons from Durham in gowns of red set off by "Palatine" purple, and those of St. Andrew's in red and white. Accompanying them in their progress through the cathedral were three lady graduates, wearing gowns of scarlet over pale blue, who retained their "mortar-boards" throughout the service. As the service was of penitential character the procession passed along the north aisle instead of the south. During its journey the congregation remained kneeling. On returning to the choir, the hymn, "O Saving Victim," was sung, followed by the first verse of "God Save the King," rendered by tenor soloist and choir, the congregation joining in with fine effect. The lessons were read by the Archdeacon of London, the first being taken from Isaiah xxxviii., verses 10-21, the second from 1st Peter, chapter ii. Appropriate to the occasion were the Psalms xci. and ciii., for which Gregorian tones were employed. Then came the hymns, "O God, our Help in ages past," and "Before the ending of the day," and the service concluded with three special prayers for the King, after which the throng of worshippers quietly dispersed.